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PHOENIX MAN SENTENCED TO 70 MONTHS IN PRISON FOR POSSESSION OF HANDGUN

PHOENIX – Jason L. Miller, 25, of Phoenix, was sentenced here on May 16, 2005 to 70 months in prison by U.S. District Judge Susan R. Bolton.

On September 30, 2004, residents of an apartment complex on east Bell Road in Phoenix called 911 after Miller fired his 9mm handgun into the air near the complex. Phoenix police officers responded to the scene and arrested Miller for a violation of Shannon's Law, Arizona Revised Statutes 13-3107.

The federal charges against Miller stem from Project Safe Neighborhoods which prohibits people with prior felony convictions from possessing firearms. Miller had several prior convictions at the time of the offense, including Aggravated Battery of a Police Officer and Domestic Battery. He was also on felony probation. Miller subsequently pleaded guilty on March 7, 2005.

The ultimate goal of Project Safe Neighborhoods is to create safer neighborhoods by reducing gun violence and sustaining the reductions. The effectiveness of Project Safe Neighborhoods in Arizona is based on the ability of federal, state, and local agencies to cooperate in a unified offensive against gun crime and is led by the U.S. Attorney's Office.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Phoenix Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. The prosecution was handled by Michael Lee, Special Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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